



Tennessee Crop Weather

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END OF HARVEST SEASON DRAWS NEAR

The harvest season in Tennessee is almost complete. Given a few more sunny days, farmers will most likely be wrapping up row crop harvest for 2011. Ninety-nine percent of the cotton acreage has been harvested and only four percent of the soybean acreage still remains. Farmers also made notable progress seeding winter wheat last week. Most of the winter wheat has emerged with over seventy percent rated in good-to-excellent condition. Pastures remained in mostly fair-to-good condition. Tobacco growers continued to prepare their crop for market.

There were 4 days suitable for fieldwork across the state. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 76 percent adequate and 17 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 1 percent very short, 16 percent short, 78 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus. Across Tennessee last week, temperatures averaged 5 to 6 degrees above normal. Rainfall averaged above normal for the entire state.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Cotton – Harvested	99	94	99	92	Pastures	3	12	39	42	4
Soybeans – Harvested	96	90	100	94	Wheat	0	1	17	69	13
Tobacco – Burley Stripped	50	44	52	59						
Winter Wheat – Seeded	93	87	91	88						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	76	61	55	64						

County Agent Comments

“Harvest of all crops is essentially done. Still a few isolated acres of beans and cotton to harvest. Wheat seeding is done since we received 4 to 6+ inches of rainfall county-wide on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Will need some sunny dry days over the next 7 to 10 days to completely finish up harvest. Wheat that is planted and up is looking good while this week’s rain should bring the rest that has been planted up.”

Tim Campbell, Dyer County

“The farmers in Fayette County have all but finished harvesting their crop. Like the past month, we received another front this week that brought a lot of wind, some rain and cooler temps. The temperatures have been warmer than usual but then rains have helped.”

Jeffery D. Via, Fayette County

“Abundant rainfall has replenished the soil moisture levels this week, as some areas were experiencing dry soil conditions.”

David Cook, Davidson County

“Still a few acres of beans to harvest. Recent rains have helped pastures.”

Kevin Rose, Giles County

“We are almost through with all crops and most of the wheat is up.”

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

“Rain starting the middle of the week kept field work to a minimal. Most producers are reporting finished with row crop harvest and planting wheat. A few producers are trying to finish up beans and cotton and wheat; however, the outlook of rain for the start of the week will have them waiting on better weather. Double crop soybeans have fared well with yields in the mid 30's to mid 40's, several producers reporting wheat beans doing better than single crop. About a thousand acres of canola was plated this fall and is in excellent condition. Nursery producers are beginning to dig B&B and bare root stock.”

Ed Burns, Franklin County

“Winter hay feeding is in full swing. Still a few beans to harvest and some may still try to sow wheat.”

Scott Chadwell, Putnam County

“Getting wet. Happy Turkey Day!!!”

Joe E. Hall, Anderson County

“Most producers are finished with fall harvest tasks. Rainfall of between one and two inches fell again this week. Low temperatures reached the mid-twenties on Wednesday.”

John Wilson, Blount County

“Two inches of rain this week has stopped soybean harvest. Pond and creek levels are good.”

John Goddard, Loudon County

SEASON FINALE

This is the final issue of 2011 Tennessee Crop Weather. The USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service’s Tennessee Field Office extends thanks to the UT/TSU Extension and the numerous county agents responsible for the continued success of this report. The report will resume the first week of April 2012.

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION
For week ending: November 20, 2011 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending November 20, 2011				Current Week 11/20/11	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	80	24	55	5	1.54	2	45.47	-0.06	32.95	1.19
Brownsville_TN	78	27	54	5	3.85	4	51.76	6.64	39.18	7.86
Covington	77	28	54	5	4.41	4	52.82	8.28	41.13	10.27
Dyersburg	77	28	57	7	6.20	4	48.40	5.05	35.23	4.70
Huntingdon_Wate	78	24	54	6	4.92	4	53.73	7.32	39.42	6.77
Jackson_Exp_Stn	81	24	55	6	2.74	4	50.34	5.04	38.50	6.48
Lexington_TN	78	24	53	4	2.55	4	43.85	-0.32	32.32	1.34
Martin	77	29	53	5	5.39	4	60.60	14.57	44.15	11.36
Memphis_AG	78	27	56	5	2.09	3	49.76	5.33	38.14	7.20
Milan	78	24	54	6	5.04	4	61.19	14.22	47.24	13.89
Paris	78	23	53	6	5.17	4	62.15	16.61	46.16	14.13
Savannah_6SW	79	24	57	6	0.70	4	48.78	-0.26	34.24	0.66
Selmer	79	22	55	6	0.25	3	46.76	-1.56	34.43	1.35
Union_City	75	27	53	6	4.60	4	55.96	10.73	40.79	8.74
Middle										
Clarksville_Sew	78	25	53	6	2.93	4	58.14	14.31	43.73	13.55
Cookeville	72	22	52	5	2.11	3	60.45	11.00	43.98	9.56
Crossville_AP	69	22	54	8	1.51	2	51.96	3.51	37.31	3.88
Dickson_AG	75	22	54	6	2.54	3	48.05	1.29	32.88	0.13
Dover_1W	77	25	54	7	4.53	3	60.98	15.08	44.39	12.39
Fayetteville_TN	76	22	57	10	2.05	3	56.23	9.36	39.55	7.96
Jamestown	69	20	49	3	1.70	2	60.63	12.71	42.98	8.90
Kingston_Spring	77	21	54	7	1.69	3	45.81	0.71	32.72	1.59
Lawrenceburg_Fl	77	24	55	7	1.49	4	48.78	0.19	34.90	2.13
Lewisburg	77	23	54	7	1.61	3	54.38	6.43	39.12	5.75
Linden	77	24	54	7	2.04	4	46.31	-1.54	33.47	0.61
Livingston_WLIV	72	22	51	4	1.06	3	59.40	13.43	40.31	7.86
Murfreesboro_5N	77	21	53	5	1.21	3	52.42	5.87	38.44	5.67
Nashville_Metro	78	25	56	7	1.87	3	43.37	2.21	30.92	2.00
Oneida	71	20	49	4	1.82	2	65.26	16.88	46.43	11.92
Portland_TN	74	27	54	7	1.51	4	50.02	5.20	33.98	2.46
Pulaski_Water_P	77	22	54	3	1.58	2	57.16	9.30	42.37	9.90
Shelbyville	75	24	56	6	2.58	3	61.12	12.93	44.75	11.44
Sparta_TN	74	22	53	5	2.05	2	58.63	10.46	42.95	9.35
Springfield	75	25	52	6	0.75	3	49.10	6.05	34.83	4.65
Springhill	79	21	53	6	1.13	4	41.82	-5.73	29.46	-3.48
Tulahoma	74	26	55	6	1.79	4	52.95	3.58	38.92	5.52
East										
Chattanooga/Lov	71	28	57	8	1.87	3	51.88	5.28	33.49	2.62
Cleveland_6NNE	72	25	52	5	2.29	4	41.15	-6.56	26.72	-5.43
Dayton	68	27	53	4	1.73	3	51.35	2.60	34.65	1.92
Erwin_1W	74	23	49	4	1.09	4	46.01	2.67	34.50	2.67
Gatlinburg_2SW	74	24	51	5	1.84	4	56.55	6.59	42.10	6.08
Greeneville	72	20	50	4	1.16	4	42.29	4.22	31.67	4.29
Kingston_AG	70	26	53	7	2.35	3	54.26	3.44	37.81	3.07
Knoxville_AP	72	26	56	8	1.64	3	46.85	5.62	32.89	4.98
Newcomb	71	21	50	6	2.06	2	55.25	6.87	40.74	6.23
Norris_4NE	68	24	50	4	3.03	3	58.92	12.70	42.37	10.04
Tri-City_RGNL_A	71	21	51	5	1.71	4	42.33	6.05	29.58	3.67

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.
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